

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE  
RESOLUTION 4x

By: Taylor

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution praising Gary L. Smith for his many accomplishments in public service; wishing him well upon the occasion of his retirement from public life; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2000, Gary L. Smith will be retiring from the position of Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education after twelve years of service; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Smith was born on September 17, 1942, in Cushing, Oklahoma. On July 12, 1963, he married Jan Martin. The couple has two children, Michael and Jill, as well as nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Smith graduated from Cushing High School and the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He attended the Graduate College of Business at the University of Oklahoma and the College of Business Management Institute at the University of Kentucky. He is a Certified Internal Auditor; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Smith's first job was as Marketing Representative for Proctor and Gamble in the western part of Oklahoma. He later joined the public sector as Director of Internal Audits at the University of Oklahoma which included all campuses at Norman, Oklahoma City, Lawton, and Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Smith advanced to the position of Vice President for Administrative Affairs at the University of Oklahoma

Health Sciences Center. While in this position he restructured the administrative and operational organization of the Health Sciences Center; implemented new management information systems, including acquisition and implementation of a telecommunications system to service the medical center complex; developed, organized, and provided oversight for the physicians' practice plan that provides funds in excess of \$60 million; developed revenue bond issues to expand the utilities at the medical center complex; and provided financial management oversight to construction of numerous new facilities at the medical center; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Smith's current position is Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. In this position he has been responsible for administration of the State Regents, development of all fiscal and administration policies for the state system, development of budget needs and allocation of funds, capital planning for the state system, acting as Chief Executive Officer for the OneNet telecommunications network, acting as Chief Executive Officer for the State's Guaranteed Student Loan Program of over \$300 million, acting as Director of Management Information Systems for all State Regents' operations, presenting higher education needs to the State Legislature and Governor, and providing staff leadership for the State Regents' Budget and Audit Committee and the Presidents' Council Budget Committee; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Smith, while in this position, developed the State Regents' current system of budget development and allocation; worked to restructure the State Regents' organization while serving as both the Chief Academic and Chief Fiscal Officer; developed the Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (APRA) planning system; restructured and automated the State's Guaranteed Student Loan Program; planned, developed, and implemented the OneNet, the state's telecommunications network; developed the State Regents' Management

Information System office; and developed system-wide capital projects; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Smith is a member of the State Higher Education Fiscal Officers Association; a member of the National Association of College and University and Business Officers; and Oklahoma Data Coordinator, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Gary participated in Class V of Leadership Oklahoma, was inducted into the Cushing High School Hall of Fame, and was appointed by the Governor to the State Data Processing and Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises Gary L. Smith for his many accomplishments in public service.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes him well upon the occasion of his retirement from public life.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Gary L. Smith; his wife, Jan Martin; and Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

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